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SUBJECT: SURINAM HINDUSTAN PARTY CONTACT WITH EMBASSY

REF PARAMARIBO 107

1. RE PARA 2 REFTEL, PERSON IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS REP OF NETHS SECTION OF SURINAM HINDUSTAN PARTY (VHP) TELEPHONED EMBOFF MARCH 8 AND ASKED FOR APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS SITUATION IN SURINAM. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT EMBASSY AND USG FULLY INFORMED ON EVENTS IN PARAMARIBO THROUGH CONGEN THERE, THAT WE WOULD HAVE NO COMMENT TO MAKE ON INTERNAL SITUATION IN SURINAM, AND THEREFORE SAW LITTLE POINT IN HAVING MEETING. VHP REP SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THIS, BUT STILL WISHED TO DISCUSS SITUATION WITH EMBOFF AND PRESENT VIEWS OF VHP IN NETHS. ON UNDERSTANDING THAT VHP WOULD ONLY GET POLITE HEARING BUT NO COMMENT, EMBOFF AGREED TO MEETING MARCH 9 IN LINE WITH LONG- STANDING EMBASSY POLICY OF OPEN DOOR TO REPS OF ALL DEMOCRATIC GROUPS.

2. VHP REP SUBSEQUENTLY ISSUED STATEMENT TO ANP NEWS SERVICE IN WHICH IT APPEARED THAT IZHP WAS TRYING TO INVOLVE EMBASSY AND USG IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF REALM (SEE QUOTATION IN REFTEL). WHEN VHP REP ARRIVED AT EMBASSY, EMBOFF TOLD HIM AT RECEPTION DESK THAT IT APPEARED VHP WAS TRYING TO USE MEETING AT EMBASSY FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES AND UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES THOUGHT FURTHER DISCUSSION
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UNDESIRABLE. VHP REP CLAIMED ANP HAD DISTORTED STATEMENT GIVEN TO ANP, EXPRESSED REGRET FOR ANY EMBARRASSMENT TO EMBASSY, AND LEFT. ON MARCH 10, ANP RAN STATEMENT BY VHP THAT CONTRARY TO EARLIER REPORT NO TALKS WOULD BE HELD AT EMBASSY BECAUSE VHP " HAD BEEN ADVISED BY THE U. S. EMBASSY THAT THE USG WAS SUFFICIENTLY INFORMED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN SURINAM THROUGH ITS CONSULATE GENERAL IN PARAMARIBO AND THAT A DISCUSSION WITH THE VHP IN HOLLAND WAS UNNECESSARY."

3. EMBASSY KEP MFA INFORMED OF ABOVE AND WAS ASSURED THAT MFA HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH EMBASSY HANDLING OF MATTER. DECON 4/15/73
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